

Replace the paragraph beginning at line 15 of page 2 with the following clean replacement paragraph:

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A treadle device is provided for conveying, guiding, and locating web-supported articles or products during a web processing operation. More particularly, a treadle assembly guides web-supported articles into a trim press prior to and while severing the articles from the web. Such treadle device provides accurate location of articles while moving the web and reducing frictional forces generated between the treadle and web which would otherwise result in an increased occurrence of mis-feeds and misalignment of the web and articles, particularly during relatively high speed trim operations. An additional degree of accuracy is also provided during such severing operation over that previously provided via use of accurate high speed conveying, guiding, and locating techniques. Additionally, feedback controlled operation is maintained to drive a servo pick and servo helper of a web feed delivery device associated with the treadle and trim press.

Replace the paragraph beginning at line 6 of page 15 with the following clean replacement paragraph:

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As shown in Figure 1, drive wheel assembly 64 comprises a dual servo motor driven roller feed assembly referred to herein as servo pick assembly 60. According to one construction, follower wheels 70 and 76 are each formed from a high density polyethylene (HDPE) plastic material. Also

according to one construction, drive wheels 72 and 78 are each formed from an anodized aluminum material having a knurled radial outer surface that coacts with web 16.

Replace the paragraph beginning at line 21 of page 16 with the following clean replacement paragraph:

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After severing articles 14 from web 16, the scrap web is delivered into a comminuting apparatus (not shown) that is provided directly beneath punch plate 30 and die plate 32. Several different comminuting apparatus suitable for grinding up the resulting scrap web are disclosed in U.S. Patents Nos. 4,687,144; 5,836,527; 5,860,607; and 5,893,523, each herein incorporated by reference. Scrap web 74 is accordingly forwarded into such a recycling, pulverizing machine where the scrap web is shredded and then later recycled to form a new web of thermoformable plastic material.

Replace the paragraph beginning at line 19 of page 19 with the following clean replacement paragraph:

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Secondary guide member 84 further comprises a clamp bar 96 carried by attachment plate 94 and further supporting a guide strip 198. Guide strip 198 is constructed so as to provide a substantially greater amount of clearance between guide strip 198 and web guide plate 100 than is provided between guide strip 98 and web guide plate 100. Accordingly, guide strip 198 is spaced apart from plate 100 at least 3.5 thicknesses of a web which